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than steady. Demand was fair to moderate. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient; tenders were fully adequate and wings were readily available and slow to clear. Drums and thighs were in good balance to well

cleared. Weights were mostly

desirable.

Trade sentiment was no better

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## Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 08-MAR-2008

Weight Range 4	4.25 & Down	4.26-6.25	6.26-7.75	7.76 & Up	Total
Total (000)	43,635	81,639	22,844	16,396	164,514
WTAvg Live Wg	gt 3.82	5.49	6.90	8.33	5.52
Percentage of	total 27%	49%	14%	10%	100 %

Fast Food and F	Food Service Sizes	No. of Head	Percentage of
Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	<u>(000</u> )	Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	6,562	3.99
3.61 – 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	6,730	4.09
3.81 – 4.00 lbs	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	13,757	8.36
4.01 – 4.25 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz 2 lbs., 15 oz	<u> 16,586</u>	<u> 10.08</u>
		43,635	26.52

## BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

					Eggs Set		Chicks Place	ed Pre	elim. Fed. In	sp.	
Slaughter	Egg		Chicks		10 Weeks		7 Weeks	N	Million head		
Week	Sets		Placed		Previous		Previous		Slaughtered		
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**	
Jan 12	216,449	102	179,257	105	206,241	104	168,999	104	168,128	124	
Jan 19	217,393	104	179,768	104	217,441	105	177,932	106	168,551	100	
Jan 26	218,132	104	178,806	104	216,134	102	176,696	103	159,983	95	
Feb 02	219,038	104	176,282	103	219,800	104	179,506	104	166,096	104	
Feb 09	212,295	103	176,724	103	222,116	104	180,139	104	165,446	100	
Feb 16	218,031	102	177,841	104	214,621	104	176,021	104	163,748	99	
Feb 23	219,325	102	178,465	103	217,794	103	177,800	103	166,700	102	
Mar 01	219,786	101	177,344	102	218,952	104	178,512	104	165,910	100	
Mar 08	218,613	101	179,194	103	218,967	104	178,783	103	164,514	99	
Data in bold are subject to revision			*Perce	ent of previo	us vear	**Percent char	ge from	previous w	eek .		

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	Year Ago
Week of 03/17/08				_
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	77-80	78.81	78.65	76.36
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	75-78	77.24	77.12	74.54
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	89	88.24	88.29	83.40
<b>12-CITY COMPOSITE</b> Weighted Avg.		81.15	79.27	78.01
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock	81.25)	80.16	79.12	75.69
<b>SOUTHERN STATES</b> FOB Whole Body 5 Day A	Avg.	53.88	53.79	67.35

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast	Southern States	Georgia
Weekly Weighted Average	(Delivered)	(FOB)	(FOB)
	03/14/08	03/14/08	03/17/08
Breast – B/S	142.50	132.44	147.00
Tenderloins	136.37	128.76	173.50 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	80.82	81.58	83.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	43.95	40.54	43.50
Wings	120.33	104.24	126.00

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